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THE REPLY FILED 19 April 2004 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE. Therefore, further action by the applicant is required to avoid abandonment of this application. A proper reply to a final rejection under 37 CFR 1.113 may only be either: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114.							
	PLY [check either a) or b)]						
a) The period for reply expires <u>6</u> months from the mailing date of the final rejection.							
b) Light The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this Advisory Action, or (2) the date set forth in the final rejection, whichever is later. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection. ONLY CHECK THIS BOX WHEN THE FIRST REPLY WAS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE FINAL REJECTION. See MPEP 706.07(f).							
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1. A Notice of Appeal was filed on <u>21 June 2004</u> . Appellant's Brief must be filed within the period set forth in 37 CFR 1.192(a), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 1.191(d)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal.							
2. The proposed amendment(s) will not be entered because:							
(a) ☐ they raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);							
(b) ☐ they raise the issue of new matter (see Note below);							
(c) they are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or							
(d) they present additional claims without cancel NOTE:	ing a corresponding number of	finally rejected clai	ns.				
3. Applicant's reply has overcome the following reject	tion(s):						
Newly proposed or amended claim(s) would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).							
☐ The a)☐ affidavit, b)☐ exhibit, or c)☐ request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because:							
The affidavit or exhibit will NOT be considered because it is not directed SOLELY to issues which were newly raised by the Examiner in the final rejection.							
7. For purposes of Appeal, the proposed amendment explanation of how the new or amended claims w	• • •		and an				
The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:							
Claim(s) allowed: <u>18-21</u> .							
Claim(s) objected to:							
Claim(s) rejected:							
Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: <u>12-17</u> .							
8. The drawing correction filed on is a) app	roved or b) disapproved by	the Examiner.					
9 Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s)(PTO-1449) Paper No(s)							
10.⊠ Other: <u>See attached sheet</u>							

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Claims 12-21 are presented for examination.

Applicants' election filed January 21, 2003 in response to the restriction requirement of December 20, 2002 has been received and entered. The applicants elected the invention described in claims 18-21 (Group III) with traverse.

Applicants' traverse is not deemed persuasive for reasons set forth in the restriction requirement dated December 20, 2002; therefore, the restriction requirement is hereby made Final.

Claims 12-17 are withdrawn from consideration as being drawn to the non-elected invention 37 CFR (1.142(b)).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kevin E. Weddington whose telephone number is (571) 272-0587. The examiner can normally be reached on 11:00 am-7: 30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Christopher Low can be reached on (571) 272-0953. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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